

Response Under 37 CFR §1.116 **Expedited Procedure Group Art Unit 3600**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Venegas, Jr.

Serial No.: 09/597,318 Group No.: 3635

Examination For: STANCHION SLEEVE AND METHOD OF USING SAME Examiner: W. Yip

AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO FINAL REJECTION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed April 15, 2005, please amend the above-referenced GIFFORD, KRASS, GROH, SPRINKLE, ANDERSON & CITKOWSKI, P.O. 204, SPRINKLE